

However, Claims 1-5 were otherwise indicated as including allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the objections to the specification, the Abstract and the title, the specification and the title are amended and the Abstract of the Disclosure is rewritten to correct the noted informalities. In light of their formal nature, the changes to the specification and Abstract are not believed to raise a question of new matter.

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and in order to correct informalities noted upon Applicant's review, Claims 1-8 are canceled and rewritten as new Claims 9-29. It is the Applicant's position that the new claims are definite and no further rejection on that basis is anticipated. If, however, the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to derive mutually acceptable language.

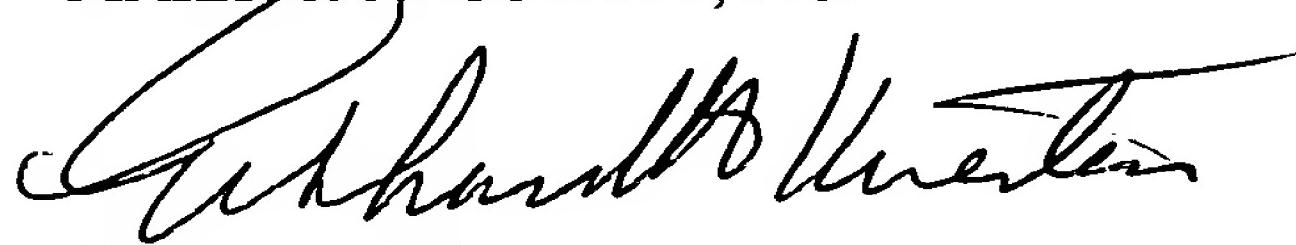
New claims 9-29 find support in the disclosure as originally filed and thus are not believed to raise a question of new matter. Specifically, new Claims 9, 10 and 11 find non-limiting support in original Claims 1, 2, and 3, respectfully. Claims 12, 18 and 24 find non-limiting support in original Claim 4. Claims 13, 19 and 25 find non-limiting support in original Claim 5. Claims 14, 20 and 26 find non-limiting support in original Claim 6. Claims 15, 16, 21, 22, 27 and 28 find non-limiting support in original Claim 7. Claims 17, 23 and 29 find non-limiting support in original Claim 8.

In view of the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter of Claims 1-5, Claims 9-29 are believed to be allowable. Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present

application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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